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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	October 22, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William Northey, LMFT, **President**, Presiding
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT, **Vice President**
Robert Doyle, Public Member, **Secretary**
Tracy Hansen, LMFT
Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH
Maynard Gregory, LCDP
William Gale, LPCMH
Carmetah Murray, Public Member
Winnie Lewis, Public Member
Lisa Ritchie, LPCMH

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Chris Spizzirri, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Krieger, LPCMH
Russell Buskirk, LCDP
Vera Murrell, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Northey called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the June 25, 2008 minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Denial of Previously Proposed to Deny Applications

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to deny the following licensure applications that the board previously proposed to deny and the applicants did not request a hearing:

Cynthia Winder – LPCMH
Cynthia Winder – LACMH

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Abner Santiago

The Board reviewed Mr. Santiago's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Karl Kaliher

The Board reviewed Mr. Kaliher's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Jean Armstrong

The Board reviewed Jean Armstrong's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Dr. Walsh, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Michael Considine

The Board reviewed Mr. Considine's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application with a note on the approval letter to advise Mr. Considine that NBCC certification will be required to renew his license. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – James Genovese

The Board reviewed Mr. Genovese's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH Licensure by Certification – Maria Martinez-Martinez

The Board reviewed Ms. Martinez-Martinez's application for LACMH licensure by certification. Mr. Gale made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Dr. Walsh recused himself. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH Licensure by Certification – Denese Bell

The Board reviewed Ms. Bell's application for LACMH licensure by certification. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact

Complaint #33-01-08 was assigned to Mr. Gale.

Correspondence

Review Letter Regarding Certification Required for Renewal – Gail Jackson

The Board reviewed a letter from Gail Jackson regarding the requirement of certification for renewal. Ms. Jackson was licensed by reciprocity in September 2007 and she was not required to have certification from a national certifying organization acceptable to the board. She is requesting to be allowed to renew her license without certification. After reviewing the statute it was determined that certification was not required for licensure by reciprocity from a state whose statute is substantially similar, but it would still be required for renewal. Ms. Jackson will be notified that the Board is unable to allow her to renew without certification. She may request to be placed on inactive status, or she may renew late once she receives certification, as long as it is within the late renewal period.

Review Letter Regarding Continuing Education Credits – Eileen Baker

The Board reviewed a letter from Eileen Baker regarding approval of a continuing education course. Based on section 2.3.2.2.1 of the Board's regulations continuing education is only approved for the program or organization offering the course. Ms. Baker will be notified that the program sponsor would need to submit the course for approval.

Other Business (for discussion only)

A brief discussion took place regarding the required professional counseling experience acceptable to the board. The statute states "equivalent of 2 years of experience" is required. Dr. Walsh asked the other members of the Board if they understood that to mean that the applicant must have a minimum of two years, or if it could be less than two years as long as they have 3200 hours. The Board had some concerns in an applicant having less than two years experience, but thought it was possible to license someone with less than two years experience as long as they have at least 3200 hours.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

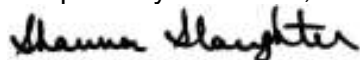
Next Meeting Date

The Board will hold a meeting on September 24, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Murray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter
Administrative Specialist II